



# SEASONS OF LIFE



# Seniors/Sunset



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children

June 04

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**seniors/sunset**

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Why am I here? (*God's purpose*)

What can I do? (*God's mission*)

How can I make a difference?

(*God's work*)

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**<sup>1</sup>To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose  
under the heaven:**

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**<sup>2</sup>A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;**

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

<sup>3</sup>A time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time  
to build up;

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

<sup>4</sup>A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;



## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

<sup>5</sup>A time to cast away stones, and  
a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to  
refrain from embracing;

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

**‘A time to get, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast  
away;**

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

<sup>7</sup>A time to rend, and a time to  
sew; a time to keep silence, and  
a time to speak;

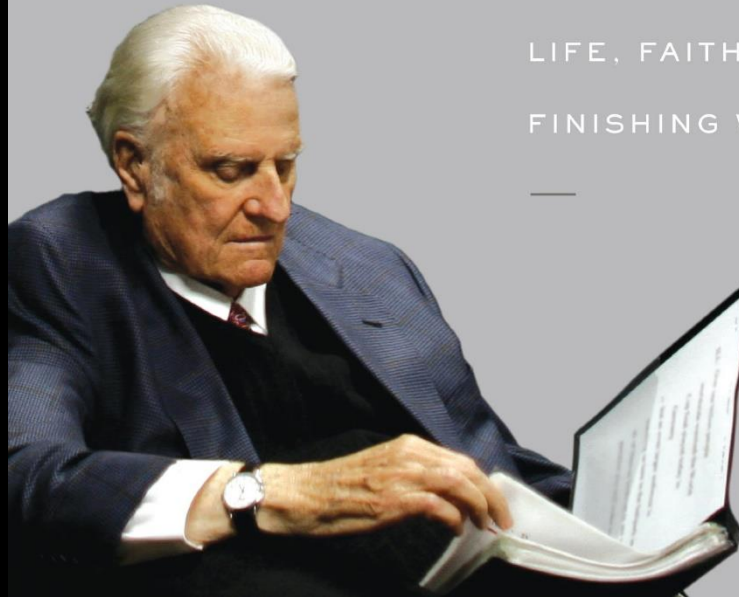
## Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

<sup>8</sup>A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

# BILLY GRAHAM

## Nearing Home

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LIFE, FAITH, AND  
FINISHING WELL  
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1.

why am  
I here?

1a.

to demonstrate  
a Godly walk

# 1. why am I here?

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a. to demonstrate a Godly walk

1 Timothy 6:11

<sup>11</sup>But thou, O man of God, flee these things;



# 1. why am I here?

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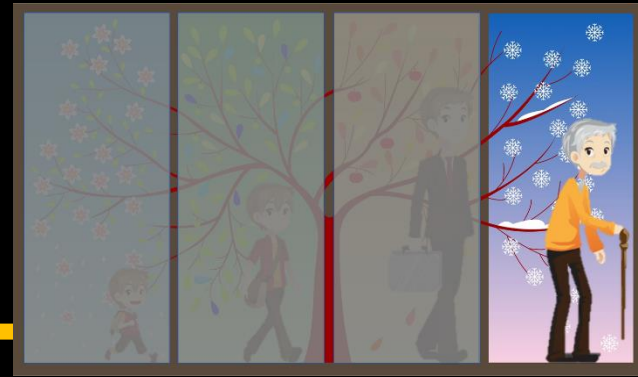
a. to demonstrate a Godly walk

1 Timothy 6:11

<sup>11</sup>and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

# 1. why am I here?

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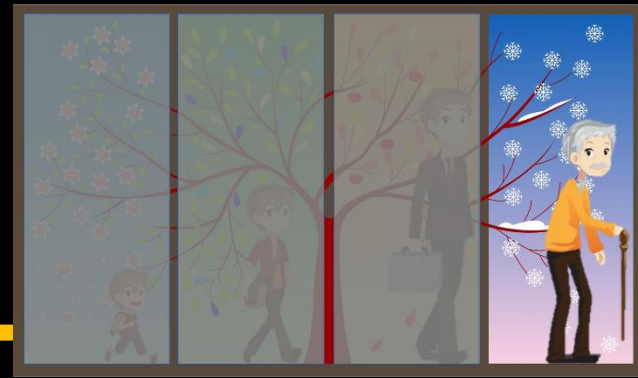
a. to demonstrate a Godly walk

2 Peter 3:10-11

<sup>10</sup>But the day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night;

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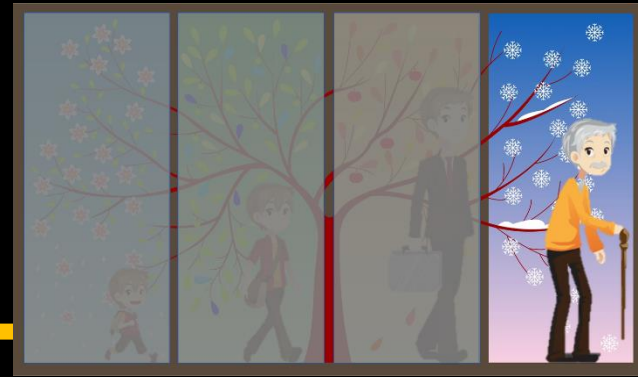
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<sup>10</sup>in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,

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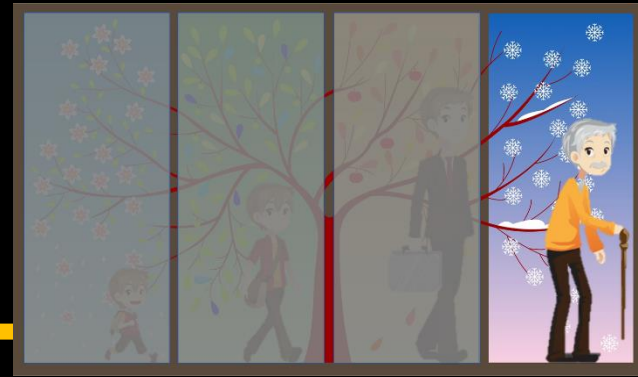
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<sup>10</sup>and the elements shall melt with fervent heat,

# 1. why am I here?

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a. to demonstrate a Godly walk

2 Peter 3:10-11

<sup>10</sup>the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

# 1. why am I here?

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a. to demonstrate a Godly walk

2 Peter 3:10-11

<sup>11</sup>Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved,

# 1. why am I here?

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a. to demonstrate a Godly walk

2 Peter 3:10-11

<sup>11</sup>what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

1b.

to demonstrate  
every day is a  
gift



# 1. why am I here?

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b. to demonstrate every day is a gift

Psalm 96:2

<sup>2</sup>Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

# 1. why am I here?

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b. to demonstrate every  
day is a gift

Lamentations 3:22-23

<sup>22</sup>It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

1. why am  
I here?

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b. to demonstrate every  
day is a gift

Lamentations 3:22-23

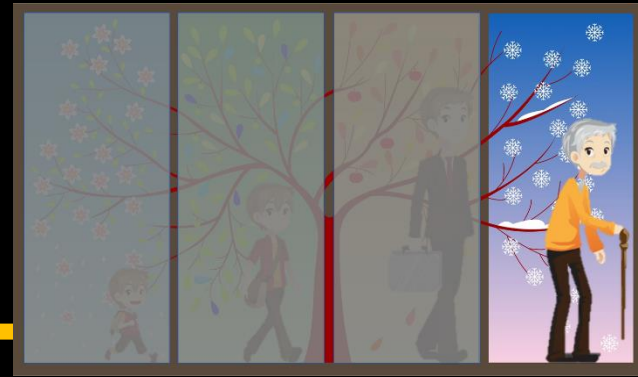
<sup>23</sup>They are new every morning:  
great is thy faithfulness.

1c.

to demonstrate  
contentment

# 1. why am I here?

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c. to demonstrate  
contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-8

‘But godliness with contentment is great gain.

# 1. why am I here?

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c. to demonstrate  
contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-8

<sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

# 1. why am I here?

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c. to demonstrate  
contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-8

<sup>8</sup>And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

# 1. why am I here?

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c. to demonstrate  
contentment

2 Corinthians 4:17

<sup>17</sup>For our light affliction, which is but for a moment,



# 1. why am I here?

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c. to demonstrate  
contentment

2 Corinthians 4:17

<sup>17</sup>worketh for us a far more  
exceeding and eternal weight of  
glory;

# 1. why am I here?

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c. to demonstrate  
contentment

Psalm 71:9

⁹Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

1. why am I here?  
to demonstrate...

a. a Godly walk

b. every day is a gift

c. contentment

2.

what can  
I do?

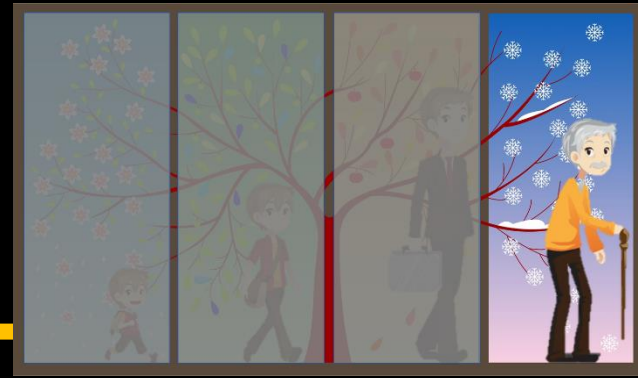
2a.

leave

an example

# 2. what can I do?

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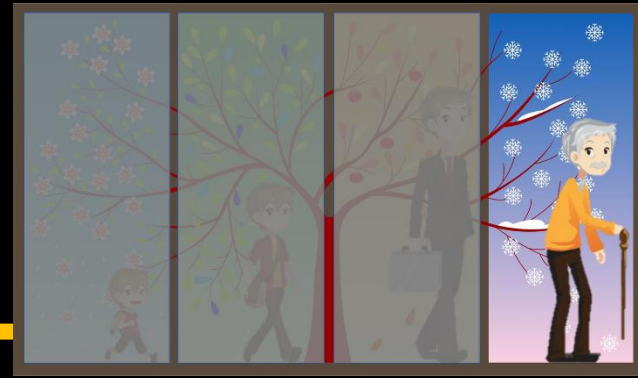
a. leave an example

1 Timothy 4:12

<sup>12</sup> . . . but be thou an example of the believers,

# 2. what can I do?

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a. leave an example

1 Timothy 4:12

<sup>12</sup>in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

# 2. what can I do?

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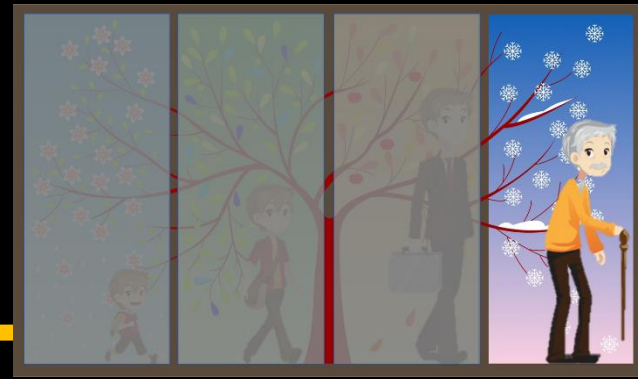
Titus 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:



# 2. what can I do?

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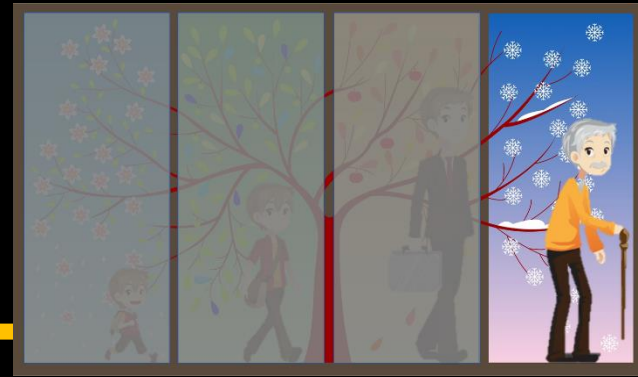
a. leave an example

Titus 2:1-7

<sup>2</sup>That the aged men be sober,  
grave, temperate, sound in faith,  
in charity, in patience.

# 2. what can I do?

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a. leave an example

Titus 2:1-7

<sup>3</sup>The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness,

# 2. what can I do?

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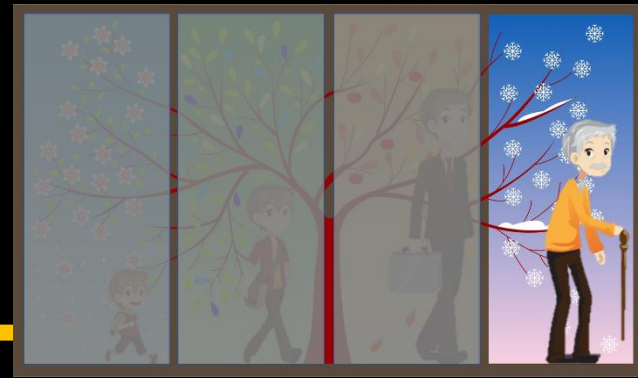
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Titus 2:1-7

<sup>3</sup>not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

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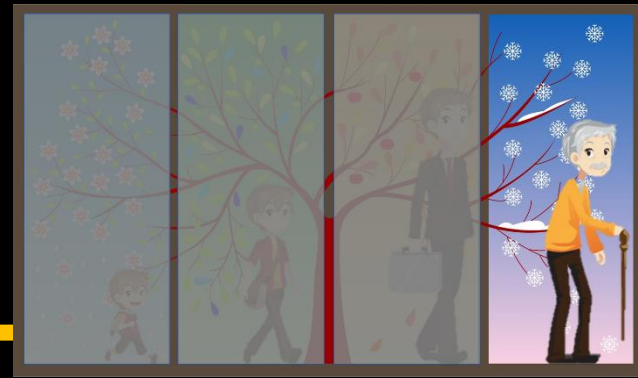
a. leave an example

Titus 2:1-7

<sup>4</sup>That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

# 2. what can I do?

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a. leave an example

Titus 2:1-7

<sup>5</sup>To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

# 2. what can I do?

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a. leave an example

Titus 2:1-7

‘Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

# 2. what can I do?

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a. leave an example

Titus 2:1-7

<sup>7</sup>In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

2b.

leave  
a legacy



# 2. what can I do?

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b. leave a legacy

Psalm 78:4

<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,

# 2. what can I do?

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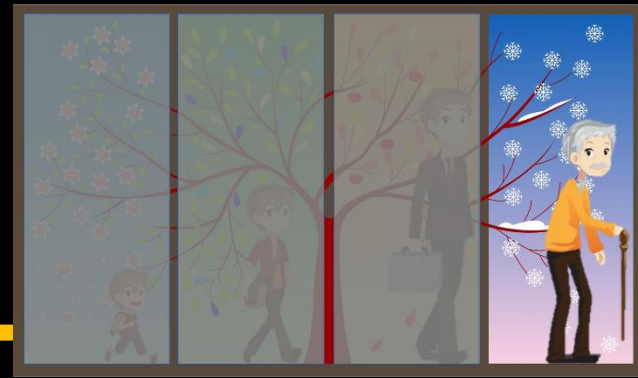
b. leave a legacy

Psalm 78:4

<sup>4</sup>and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

# 2. what can I do?

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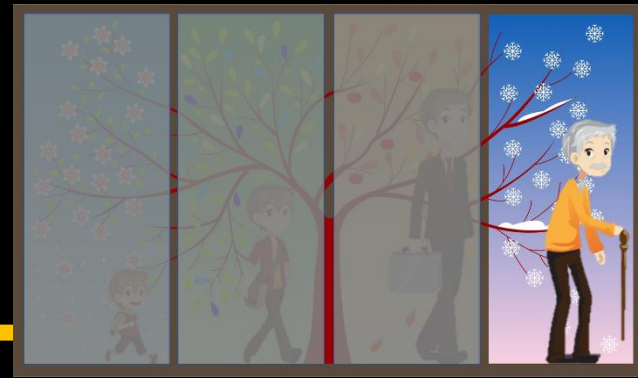
b. leave a legacy

Psalm 145:1-4

<sup>1</sup>I will extol thee, my God, O king;  
and I will bless thy name for ever  
and ever.

# 2. what can I do?

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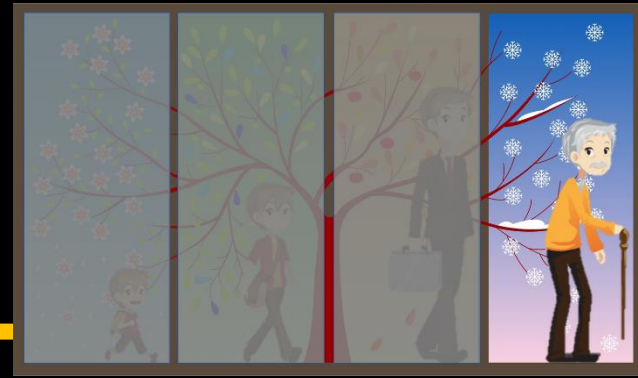
b. leave a legacy

Psalm 145:1-4

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

# 2. what can I do?

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b. leave a legacy

Psalm 145:1-4

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

# 2. what can I do?

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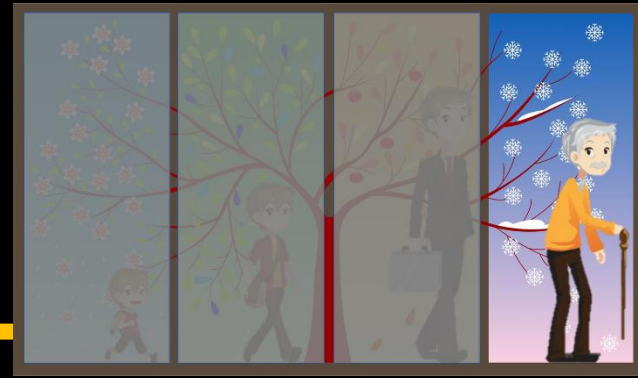
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Psalm 145:1-4

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

# 2. what can I do?

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b. leave a legacy

3 John 1:4

<sup>4</sup>I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

# 2. what can I do?

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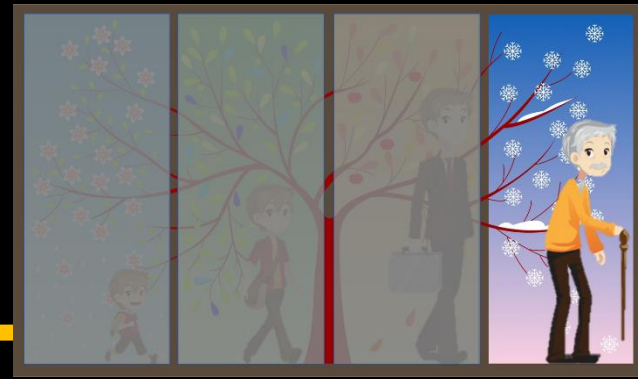
Proverbs 13:22 (AMP)

<sup>22</sup>A good man leaves an inheritance [of moral stability and goodness] to his children's children, . . .



# 2. what can I do?

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b. leave a legacy

Proverbs 13:22 (KJV)

<sup>22</sup>A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

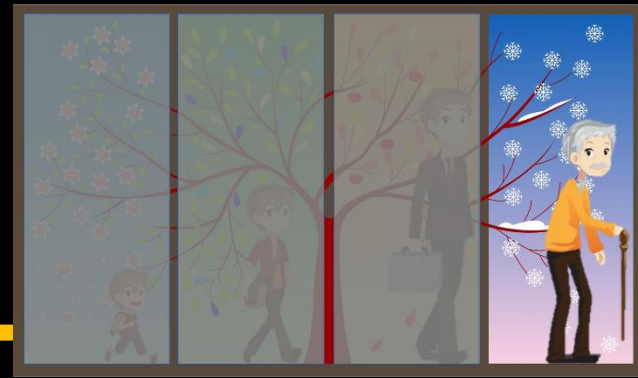
2c.

leave

your prayers

# 2. what can I do?

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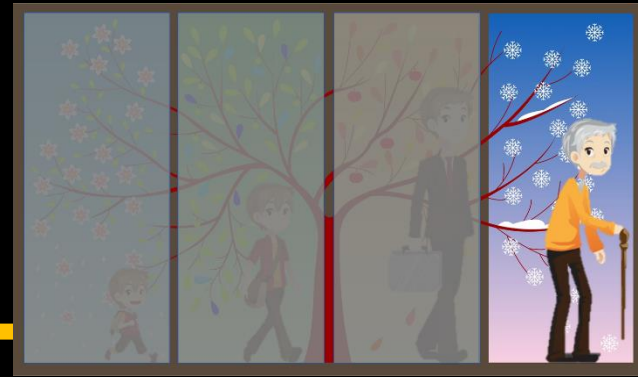
c. leave your prayers

Revelation 8:3-4

<sup>3</sup>And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer;

# 2. what can I do?

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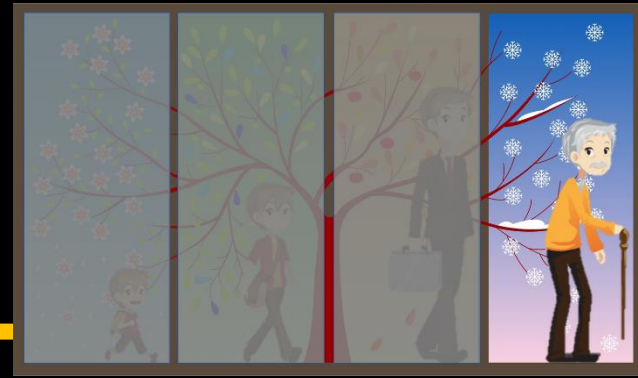
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<sup>3</sup>and there was given unto him much incense,

# 2. what can I do?

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c. leave your prayers

Revelation 8:3-4

<sup>3</sup>that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

# 2. what can I do?

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c. leave your prayers

Revelation 8:3-4

<sup>4</sup>And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

# 2. what can I do?

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c. leave your prayers

Proverbs 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

# 2. what can I do?

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c. leave your prayers

Proverbs 3:5-6

‘In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.



2. what can I do?  
leave...

a. an example

b. a legacy

c. your prayers

3.

how can I make  
a difference?

3a.

finish  
clean

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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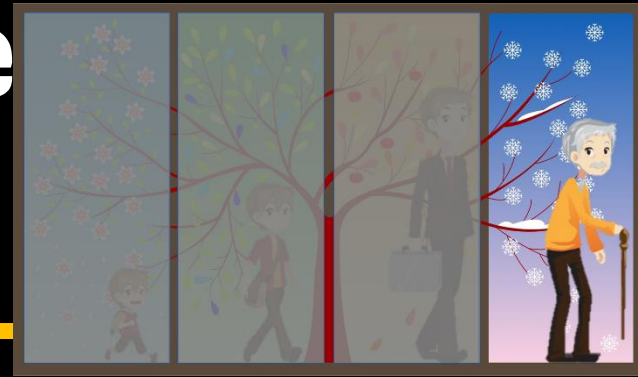
a. finish clean

Matthew 6:15

<sup>15</sup>But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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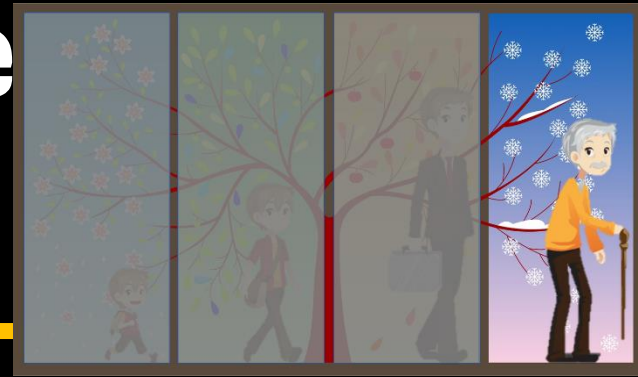
a. finish clean

Titus 3:5-7

<sup>5</sup>Not by works of righteousness which we have done,

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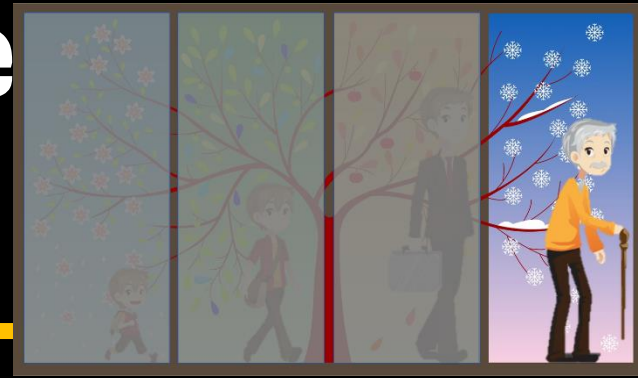
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<sup>5</sup>but according to his mercy he saved us,

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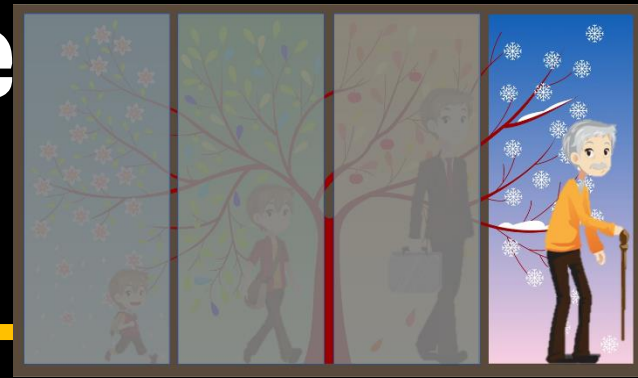
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Titus 3:5-7

<sup>5</sup>by the washing of regeneration,  
and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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a. finish clean

Titus 3:5-7

‘Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;



# 3. how can I make a difference?

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a. finish clean

Titus 3:5-7

<sup>7</sup>That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3b.

finish  
well

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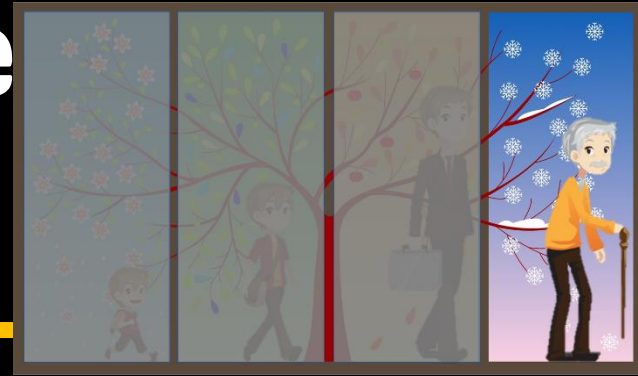
b. finish well

Acts 20:24

<sup>24</sup>But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself,

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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b. finish well

Acts 20:24

<sup>24</sup>so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the LORD Jesus,

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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b. finish well

Acts 20:24

<sup>24</sup>to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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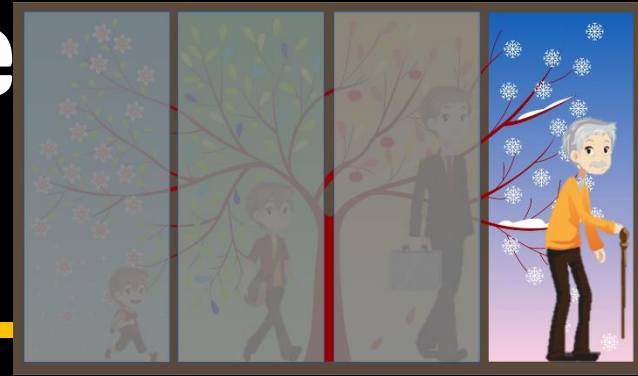
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2 Timothy 4:7-8

<sup>7</sup>I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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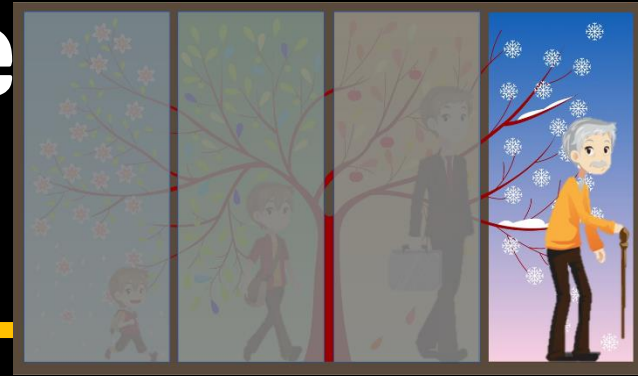
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2 Timothy 4:7-8

<sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the LORD, the righteous judge,

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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b. finish well

2 Timothy 4:7-8

<sup>8</sup>shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.



3c.

finish

focused

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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## c. finish focused

### Psalm 139:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> . . . all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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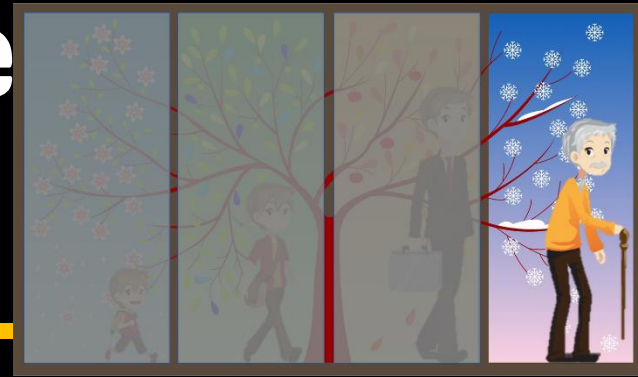
c. finish focused

Revelation 21:4-7

<sup>4</sup>And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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## c. finish focused

### Revelation 21:4-7

<sup>4</sup>neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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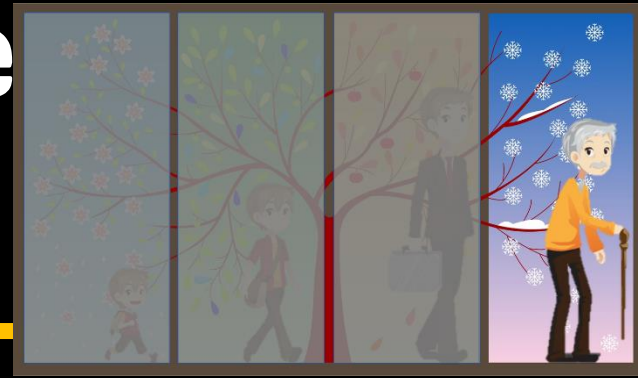
c. finish focused

Revelation 21:4-7

<sup>5</sup>And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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c. finish focused

Revelation 21:4-7

<sup>5</sup>And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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c. finish focused

Revelation 21:4-7

<sup>6</sup>And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

# 3. how can I make a difference?

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c. finish focused

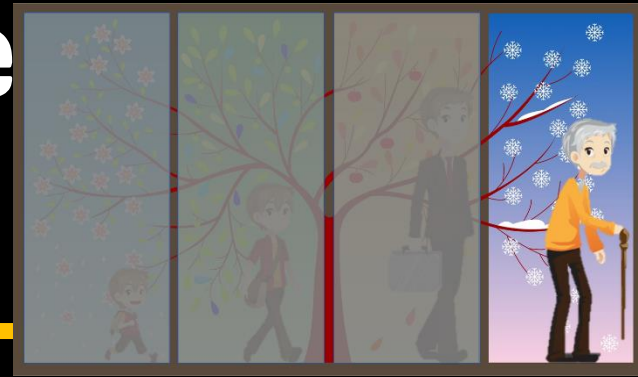
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‘I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.



# 3. how can I make a difference?

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c. finish focused

Revelation 21:4-7

<sup>7</sup>He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

3. difference?

finish...

a. clean

b. well

c. focused

End of Construction –  
Thank you for your  
patience.

Ruth Bell Graham

A photograph of a dirt road winding through a forest. The road is flanked by tall, dry grasses and brush. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting autumn or winter. The sky is overcast. The entire image is framed within a dark oval border.

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**ON HER TOMBSTONE**